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1. GARY BENNETT, BAPTIST MISSIONARY STATIONED IN KIGALI, HAS ARRIVED IN NAIROBI. BENNETT WAS AT DON BOSCO MISSION IN KIGALI UNTIL THIS MORNING, AND PROVIDED THIS PERSONAL ACCOUNT.

2. [] REPORTS THAT HIS KIGALI HOUSE WAS SITUATED NEXT TO A POLICE STATION. ON THURSDAY APRIL 7, [] SAW SOLDIER (NOT POLICE) AND LOCALS FIRING RANDOMLY INTO THE HOUSE ACROSS THE STREET FROM HIM. THE SOLDIERS AND ARMED CIVILIAN ENTERED THE HOUSE. [] HEARD GUNFIRE. WHEN THEY EXITED THE HOUSE, THEY THEN WENT UP AND DOWN THE STREET, ENTERING HOUSES KNOWN TO BELONG TO TUTSIS. HE KILLED BY THE END OF THE DAY.

3. [] REPORTS THAT HE DROVE TO THE EMBASSY FROM HIS HOME ON SATURDAY APRIL 9. HE HAD NO PROBLEMS REACHING THE EMBASSY. HE THEN

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DECIDED TO TRY TO REACH HIS MISSIONARY COLLEAGUES IN A NEIGHBORING AREA OF KIGALI. HE TOOK TWO RWANDAN SOLDIERS PROVIDED BY THE EMBASSY WITH HIM. HIS COLLEAGUES HAD TAKEN SANCTUARY AT THE DON BOSCO CATHOLIC MISSION. HE ADVISED THOSE AT THE MISSION TO RETURN TO THE EMBASSY. THE BELGIAN COMMANDER ALSO AT THE MISSION ADVISED EVERYONE TO REMAIN AT DON BOSCO BECAUSE BELGIAN AIRCRAFT WOULD BE ARRIVING TO EVACUATE EVERYONE.

4. SINCE HE STILL HAD THE RWANDAN MILITARY WITH HIM, HE TRAVELED TO OTHER NEAR-BY LOCATIONS AND PICKED UP OTHER AMCIT MISSIONARY FAMILIES. ALL FAMILIES TOOK SANCTUARY AT DON BOSCO. THEY WAITED ALL DAY SATURDAY APRIL 9 AND SUNDAY APRIL 10. THE BELGIAN COMMANDER REPEATEDLY ASSURED THEM THAT AN AIRCRAFT WOULD BE ARRIVING ONCE A 48 HOUR TRUCE HAD BEEN ARRANGED.

5. AT NOON ON MONDAY APRIL 11 A FRENCH MILITARY ESCORT ARRIVED AT DON BOSCO TO ESCORT THE MISSIONARIES TO THE AIRPORT. THEY

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TRAVELED BACK ROADS AND DID NOT USE ANY TARMAC
ROADS. [] ADVISES THAT THERE WAS ONE
DELAY IN ROUTE DUE TO GUNFIRE. HE ALSO
ADVISES THAT EVERY RWANDAN HE SAW WAS HEAVILY
ARMED. MANY HAD AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. THOSE
THAT DID NOT HAVE GUNS HAD KNIVES. MOST HAD
TWO KNIVES, ONE IN EACH HAND. ONE YOUNG
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RWANDAN ARMED WITH KNIVES CAME RUNNING TO THE
VEHICLE YELLING THAT "SPIES WERE ESCAPING."

6. NEAR THE AIRPORT WERE SEVERAL HOUSES
COMPLETELY LOOTED. ONE HOUSE EVEN HAD THE
TIN RIPPED OFF THE ROOF. NEARER TO THE
AIRPORT WAS A DUMP TRUCK FILLED WITH BODIES.
BENNET ESTIMATED THERE WERE 50 OR MORE BODIES
IN THE TRUCK. OTHER BODIES WERE LYING IN THE
STREET.

7. [] STATES THAT THE AIRPORT WAS WELL-

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FORTIFIED FRENCH AND BELGIAN TROOPS WERE
HIGHLY VISIBLE. ACCORDING TO THE
SCENE AT THE AIRPORT WAS EXTREMELY WELL-
ORGANIZED. EACH PASSENGER HAD TO HAVE HIS OR
HER HAND STAMPED. PRIORITY WAS GIVEN TO
NON-BELGIANS WERE TOLD THEY WOULD HAVE TO WAIT
AND WOULD BE ABLE TO FLY ON A SPACE AVAILABLE
BASIS. ALL WAITING PASSENGERS WERE
REGISTERED.

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8. BENNETT WAITED ONLY ABOUT THREE HOURS
BEFORE FLYING OUT ON A DUTCH MILITARY PLANE.
BEFORE BOARDING, EACH DEPARTING PASSENGER HAD
TO SHOW A HAND STAMP AND A PASSPORT.
ACCORDING TO BENNETT, THERE WAS NO PANIC.
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